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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 17, 2002, Applicants elect Group I that includes claims 1-15.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the subject application, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (408) 446-8690.

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